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EXERCISE BLUESKY/LARK (U)

A. SECSTATE 230205Z APR 76 (PASEP)

1. (C) REF A EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SIZE, INNOVATIONS IN PATTERN AND SHORT NOTICE OF COMBINED BLUESKY/LARK SCHEDULED FOR 1 MAY.
2. (C) LARK CONSISTS OF TWELVE SORTIES PENETRATING TAIWAN ADIZ FROM SOUTH AND EAST. THIS IS NORMAL OR LESS THAN NORMAL LARK.
3. (C) US BLUESKY FORCE TO BE PROVIDED BY USS RANGER. FIFTEEN TO TWENTY SORTIES WILL BE FLOWN. RANGER TO BE SOUTH OF TAIWAN. PAST US PARTICIPATION IN BLUESKY HAS BEEN DICTATED BY SIZE OF CARRIER AND EMBARKED AIR WING. SORTIE RATE HAS RANGED FROM TEN TO THIRTY PER EXERCISE.
4. (C) BLUESKY OF 1 MAY IS MID SIZED. COMBINED 1 MAY BLUESKY/LARK DOES NOT EXCEED SORTIE RATE OF LARGER PAST BLUESKY EXERCISES. ONLY INNOVATIONS IN PATTERN EXTEND BLUESKY TO ADDITIONAL PENETRATIONS OF AIRSPACE. PERCEPTION WOULD NOT BE INCREASED ACTIVITY BUT SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF ADEX.
5. (U) REGRET SHORT NOTIFICATION TIME.

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